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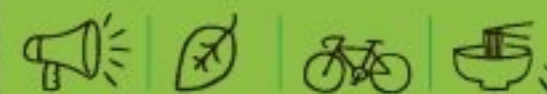
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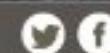
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### TRANSIT POLICE

#### Constable stumbles onto 'forgotten' 1915 sacrifice



**Matt Kieltyka**  
Metro | Vancouver

Call it good old-fashioned police work.

Charles Painter, a special constable shot and killed while on duty in Vancouver in 1915, is now immortalized at British Columbia's police memorial thanks to the sleuthing of Transit Police Const. Graham Walker.

Walker stumbled upon the forgotten death while researching the history of special constables in B.C. to commemorate the 10-year anniversary of his department last year.

His research included a deep dive into century-old archives at the Vancouver Police Museum, University of British Columbia Library and the Vancouver Public Library that revealed a long and colourful history of police officers tasked to protect streetcars, railways, buses and other public transit.

It also led him to the shooting death of Const. Painter, who was killed while on duty by a suspected wire thief on March 21, 1915.

"I went down to the Vancouver Police Museum and a curator was flipping through the annual reports for me, and it was in the annual report for 1915 that a small paragraph said special



**Transit Police Const. Graham Walker stands next to the British Columbia police memorial, which last year added special constable Charles Painter's name more than 100 years after his on-duty death. COURTESY GRAHAM WALKER**

constable Painter was killed on duty," said Walker. "So right away I knew we had this missing piece of history."

Walker said he wasn't surprised Painter's death was never officially recognized by the province.

Unlike long-standing departments like Vancouver, New Westminster and Victoria police, the records for special constables assigned to transit are scattered

among a number of different organizations and held in various archives.

Before there was a Transit Police department in Metro Vancouver, special constables would be employed by BC Transit, BC Hydro before that and BC Electric even before that.

"(Painter) wasn't part of a police force, per se; he was one of very few constables that was appointed at the time and he also

had no family that lives in Vancouver with him," said Walker. "So those two factors were likely why he was forgotten, more or less. For (transit police) there was too much of a gap between law-enforcement agencies, and that's where the disconnect and lack of remembrance comes from."

When Walker learned of Painter's death, he immediately knew he had to right the historic wrong.

Using the documents he discovered, Walker put together a report to have Painter added to the provincial memorial for fallen police officers, proving — as required — that he was a sworn police officer who was acting in good faith when he died on the job.

Painter's name was added to the memorial last year, and Walker's police union paid for a headstone for Painter's previ-

ously unmarked grave.

"Having Painter (on the memorial) to go back to and look at allows us to connect as a group and reminds of the risk we face every day," said Walker.

"It's obviously a sad thing that happened, but now that we know about it, we can honour him and look at ourselves and reflect on what our duty and obligation is. We've been around a lot longer than we thought."

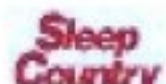
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# A new approach to housing

## AFFORDABLE HOMES

### Vancouver needs double the expected 16K new units



Jen St. Denis  
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In Vancouver, if your income is anywhere below \$150,000, you'll have a hard time buying a new condo. If you make less than \$50,000, good luck finding a rental that doesn't eat up more than 30 per cent of your paycheck.

"We found a significant gap for people who are single and making less than \$50,000 a year, we're going to be producing less than half of the housing they need," said Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, general manager of community services for the City of Vancouver. A new analysis from the City of Vancouver illustrates just how unaffordable housing has gotten for low to middle income earners.

"For people looking to buy, the same thing: while lots of condos are being built, they're micro-suites and one-bedrooms and that doesn't suit families."

Over the next 10 years, the supply of housing that people who earn less than \$50,000 will be able to afford will lag by 9,500 units, compared to the 5,000 units expected to be built under current policies. Supply of housing for people who earn more than \$50,000 will fall short by 11,800 units, showing the need is double the expected 10,000 units.

City staff say this is the first time they've analyzed housing need based on income levels. They say it was an important exercise because it shows the extent of the need for housing for occupations that are vital to the city's economy. Many people



Mount Pleasant has been identified by as a neighbourhood that could see a pilot program to speed up affordable housing permits and give incentives for developers to build more rental units. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

## + THE MISSING MIDDLE

These are the key planks in the city's plan to create housing for "the missing middle:"

- Link housing affordability to a range of incomes
- More rental housing near transit hubs like SkyTrain stations and along arterial streets

- Allow denser housing types, like duplexes and rowhouses, in single family neighbourhoods and incentivize infill development

- Make more city land available for affordable housing
- Speed up development permits for affordable housing projects

in sales and service jobs, for instance, don't make enough income to comfortably afford even an older one-bedroom rental.

The data is spurring a new

effort from the city to require developers to include not just market rental or a social housing component in new buildings, but a percentage of units

that would be rented or sold to people at various income bands.

City housing planner Abi Bond said more research needs to be done on the idea, but that type of housing could be secured through a covenant placed on the units, similar to the way the city ensures a certain percentage of apartments in a condo building are set aside for market rental.

In order to make sure renters or buyers accessing that housing actually need it, the city would likely have to check that their incomes match the housing, Bond said. While there are many details to be worked out, there are other jurisdictions, like New York City, that have similar systems in place.

City staff don't believe Vancouver would need financial help

from the province or federal government to help subsidize this rent-to-income program. Instead, the city expects to be able to negotiate with private developers, said chief planner Gil Kelley.

Staff are also suggesting putting in place a pilot program to speed up permitting for affordable housing projects, and want to expand Rental 100, a program that gave incentives to developers who built new rental buildings. Looking at options to densify single-family neighbourhoods through allowing more duplexes, rowhouses and infill is also on the table. The two neighbourhoods the city has identified so far to start this work are Grandview-Woodlands and Mount Pleasant.

## BY THE NUMBERS

# 50K

Renters who pay more than 30 per cent of their income on rent

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Population growth in downtown Vancouver between 2011 and 2016

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# Solving opioid crisis requires trying everything, expert says

## DRUGS

### Prescription treatment 'would save a bunch of lives'



**Matt Kieltyka**  
Metro | Vancouver

Desperate times call for rational measures. With the City of Vancouver warning that overdose deaths in March are likely to surpass February's advocates say British Columbia's growing overdose crisis requires a different approach to drugs.

The push for expanded programs like heroin-assisted treatment, substitution therapies and even decriminalized drugs is not new in Vancouver's harm reduction community but now politicians and decision-makers from across the political spectrum are lending their support as the province's public health emergency continues to get worse.

Nine hundred and fourteen people died of illicit drug overdoses in B.C. last year.

At least 21 people have died this month in Vancouver alone, according to the city.

"I think the reality of the failure of our (drug) policies has sunk in on all sides. People are thinking in terms of an emergency and they now get it. They get that the illegal drug market is poison and deadly and there are therapies out there, including prescription heroin, that work and people should have access to them," said Donald MacPherson, executive director



**A man prepares heroin** he bought on the street to be injected at the Insite safe injection clinic in Vancouver on Wednesday. Workers at the supervised-injection site have been dealing with a higher-than-normal number of drug overdoses this week as the facility expands its hours to deal with the opioid crisis. THE CANADIAN PRESS/DARRYL DYCK

of the Canadian Drug Policy Coalition and author of the Four Pillars harm reduction approach. "People are really running scared right now. Which is why you're hearing these voices on all sides saying, 'Jesus, do something.' I think it's good that we've arrived at that point."

Downtown Eastside market co-ordinator Sarah Blyth is one of the organizers behind an unsanctioned, and incredibly popular, pop-up consumption tent in an alley in the community.

She told Metro more people than ever are using the tent, 300 to 400 people a day.

There hasn't been a single overdose death at Insite, the volunteer-run tent or any of Vancouver Coastal Health's improvised overdose prevention sites during the crisis.

While clearly an effective emergency tool, Blyth wishes she had more to offer people than a supervised place to

use street drugs that are increasingly laced with lethal fentanyl.

"What we'd like to see, ideally, is someone there saying, 'Hey, instead of injecting yourself with that random god-knows-what that will kill you, why don't you come get a prescription and let's see what



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Donald MacPherson

we can do to help you," said Blyth. "They can just go get their medication and go home. What we're doing with overdose prevention sites is not something that needs to be done forever if we can figure out a different way of thinking about drugs."

"All the doctors know, all the medical folks, anyone in mental health, everyone knows that's the way to go. It's time to just do it."

MacPherson, who is moderating an expert panel on heroin-assisted treatment next week, agrees.

"The thing is, when an emergency is called, you do things different. You cannot continue to do things the way you usually do. That's the whole point, right?" he said. "In the context of an emergency, you need to find as many tools in the toolbox as you can. [Prescribed treatments] would take people out of the illegal market and probably save a bunch of lives."

The free public event at SFU Woodward's, titled Heroin Assisted Treatment: Saving Lives during the Overdose Death Crisis, will be held Monday, March 27 at 7 p.m.

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A man working in the forest on British Columbia's central coast was mauled by a grizzly Wednesday.

Sgt. Scott Norris with the B.C. Conservation Officer Service says other crew members quickly came to the man's defence, but his injuries are significant.

Norris says the man was part of a crew working in steep forest terrain near Draine Inlet, about 400 kilometres northwest of Vancouver.

Officers with the service's specialized predator attack team were flown into the area on Thursday to assess any public-safety risk and to try to determine what happened.

Norris says they don't know yet what set off the attack.

The victim's condition hasn't been updated, but Norris says he was transferred to a larger hospital on the coast.

Norris says March and April is the usual period for bears to emerge from their dens after a winter of hibernation.

"Bears don't typically look at humans as prey items," he said. "They emerge hungry, obviously, any bear does ... but you don't want to jump to the conclusion that the bear's hungry and it attacked an individual." THE CANADIAN PRESS



**Grizzly bears usually emerge from hibernation in early spring.** THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

# Judge facing complaint for remarks on sex assault trials

## JUSTICE

## Woman felt 'disgusted' by call for case to be shortened

Comments attributed to a British Columbia judge about the number of days that should be allotted to hear a sexual assault case have led to a complaint to the Canadian Judicial Council, the province's attorney general said Thursday.

Charges in the case were stayed by the Crown on Tues-

day in B.C. Supreme Court in Kamloops.

Attorney General Suzanne Anton did not say who filed the complaint against Justice Peter Leask.

"I understand that the comments, ill-considered as they appear to be, did not impact on the outcome of this case," Anton said in a statement.

A transcript of the court proceedings was not publicly available Thursday because of a publication ban in the case.

But Kamloops This Week quotes Leask as saying he needed to return to work in Vancouver.



**Kamloops is a wonderful place, but I like sleeping in my own bed.**

Peter Leask, who disclosed he lives in Vancouver

"Full disclosure: I live in Vancouver," the newspaper quoted Leask as telling the court on Monday. "Kamloops is a wonderful place, but I like sleeping in my own bed."

The Canadian Judicial Council is a federal body that reviews complaints or allegations against superior court judges. It is chaired by the chief justice of the Supreme Court of Canada and consists of 38 other council members who are chief justices

and associate chief justices of the country's superior courts.

Anton said the complaint launched against Leask meets the criteria for the council to review the matter.

"I am not going to put myself ahead of any review," she said in the statement. "As a process has been initiated, I will leave it to the council to review the complaint and have no further comment."

The complainant, who al-

leged her stepfather sexually assaulted her for six years in the mid-1970s, told Kamloops This Week she was "disgusted" to learn Leask asked the Crown and defence lawyers to shorten the scheduled two-week trial to one week because of a shortage of judges.

Crown attorney Katie Bouchard was not available Thursday, but a spokesman for the B.C. Criminal Justice Branch said the Crown's decision was not influenced by any comments made by the court in the course scheduling discussions by the judge.

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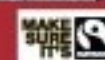
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A condo development at 508 Helmcken St. An NDP MLA who has unanswered questions about two Vancouver land deals says the transactions need to be opened to the public. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

# Seeking 'full transparency'

## DEVELOPMENT

### Public-private social housing deals must be open to scrutiny: Eby



Jen St. Denis  
Metro | Vancouver

City and provincial governments are increasingly looking to partner with private developers to build much-needed social housing.

But NDP MLA David Eby says several recent examples show governments need to be much more open about the inner workings of the complex deals to reassure British Columbians that the arrangements are indeed in the public interest.

"I think that any time you're doing deals with tens of millions of dollars of public money and a private company, you need to have not just regular transparency where if someone files a freedom of information request, they can get some of the documents," Eby told Metro.

"You need to have exceptional transparency where everything is public and you can examine, if you wish, the details of the financing of the project."

Eby recently raised questions in the legislature regarding two Vancouver deals. One involves a land swap between the City of Vancouver and Brenhill Developments over two pieces of land in Yaletown, 508 Helmcken St. and 1099 Richards St.

The other deal involves a building in the Downtown Eastside, 288 Hastings St. Property developer Wall Financial sold a property it owned at the site to BC Housing "for the cost of the land plus carrying costs," Eby said. Eby is questioning why BC Housing also paid Wall a development fee of \$3.3 million, although, Eby says, the project required no changes to be made to existing zoning.

When the building, which was 60 per cent social housing, was completed, BC Housing then sold the 40 per cent market rental portion back to Wall.

In the case of the Yaletown

market rental apartments and was budgeted to cost around \$30 million to build.

Those funds include \$30.6 million the City of Vancouver says it contributed to a project; a \$39-million loan from BC Housing to Brenhill; and a \$15-million loan from BC Housing to the social housing operator, 127 Society. Eby says the \$39-million loan was not initially included in a list of all loans BC Housing made in 2015-2016, which he obtained through a freedom of information request.

The \$30.6 million from the city was an amount derived from the 2012 land swap between the city and Brenhill, and no actual cash was transferred: The city determined the difference between the cost of the two pieces of land was \$6.6 million, and pegged a community amenity contribution at \$24 million, based on the increase

to the project.

As part of the land swap deal, Brenhill was obligated to build new social housing at 1099 Richards St., to replace an aging social housing building on 508 Helmcken St. To do this, Brenhill got a \$39-million loan from BC Housing at the low interest rate of 1.02 per cent.

The B.C. ministry responsible for housing has explained that a \$39-million mortgage that appears to be for Brenhill's market condo building — which contains no social housing — was to secure the loan to construct the social housing on 508 Helmcken St., and that loan has since been repaid. As for the \$15 million, that was part of the total \$39-million loan, which was advanced in multiple amounts, says the ministry.

There are further questions about the outcome of the social housing, called New Jubilee House. The 87 units of social housing that stood on 508 Helmcken St. were fully replaced at 1099 Richards St. But the 75 market rentals that were supposed to have been rented at "below market" rents for lower-income people appear to now be going for between \$1,500 and \$1,700, according to Craigslist ads for two of the units. In a city report from 2015, planning staff wrote units would be rented for around \$1,164. In 2016, average rent for downtown Vancouver



Jubilee House at 1099 Richards St.

JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

one-bedroom apartments was \$1,434.

Despite stating in public documents that the market rents in New Jubilee would be kept low, city communications staff told Metro the city has no legal power to determine rent rates after the first set of tenants have moved in.

The city was sued over the land swap by the Community Association of New Yaletown, a case the city ended up winning on appeal in 2015. The city says it has now changed the way it would do land swaps in the future, including getting an independent analysis "to maximize value for all city land deals," something it failed to do

in this case.

The value of the land has risen from \$15 million in 2012 to \$130 million in 2016, according to BC Assessment. The city says it could not have anticipated the dramatic rise in land values that occurred across Vancouver between 2015 and 2016.

Eby wants BC Housing to release all minutes, briefing and mortgage documents related to the deal. He also wants to know — and has raised the issue in the legislature — whether condo marketer Bob Rennie, who was on the board of BC Housing from 2012 to 2014, recused himself from meetings where the deal was discussed. Rennie, who has led major fundraising efforts for the BC Liberals, is now marketing Brenhill's condo project at 508 Helmcken St.

Rich Coleman, B.C.'s minister responsible for housing, promised to release the documents at the end of this week. But BC Housing and the ministry are still reviewing the documents for privacy concerns.

"These kinds of deals call for exceptional transparency, and that's not unfortunately what we're seeing," Eby said.

"If you want to benefit from a 1.02 per cent loan from the public as a private company, you have to accept that comes with a cost, and that cost is full transparency to the public that's funding you."



These kinds of deals call for exceptional transparency, and that's not unfortunately what we're seeing. NDP MLA David Eby

land swap between the City of Vancouver and Brenhill, Eby is questioning the complex tangle of funds that apparently went to construct the new social housing building, which contained 87 units of social housing and 75

in land value from rezoning 508 Helmcken St. to allow a taller building.

The combined \$30.6 million the city would have gotten from the developer would be considered the city's contribution



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# Couch-potato teen years mean lazy bones for life

## HEALTH

## Strengthening must be done in adolescence, study finds



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People have a four-year window in their early teens to strengthen their bones because after that, adults can only maintain the bone density they already have, according to a new UBC study.

Young teens who skip rope or do jumping jacks for even just 10 minutes every day are doing enough to set up a lifetime of strong bones, according to the study, published in the *Journal of Bone and Mineral Research*.

But the vast majority of youth in that four-year window (10 to 14 years old for girls and 12 to 16 for boys) meet that requirement, said UBC professor and study co-author Heather McKay.

"The sad story is ... only 25 per cent (of children) overall were meeting that kind of guideline."

The outlook is even grimmer for girls.

"Only nine per cent of all teenage girls are doing enough physical activity to develop healthy bones," she said.

The problem is while many children don't do the recommended 60 minutes of exercise for general wellbeing, bones take a specific type of exercise to develop properly.

"The skeleton is a different



A new study by a UBC researcher says young teens who skip rope or do jumping jacks even just for 10 minutes every day are doing enough to set up a lifetime of strong bones. GETTY IMAGES

than the cardiovascular system that it really likes sharp short bursts of exercise," said McKay.

"Aerobics are great. Any kind of dancing is fantastic. Anything where you are on your feet and you're moving is going to be beneficial."

That means things like swimming aren't necessarily

helpful for bones, but a few tuck jumps, are.

"Bones love unexpected activity," explained McKay.

So the good news is 10 minutes a day of focused, bursts of exercise as a teenager can result in strong bones for life. The bad news is once girls reach 17 years old and boys reach 19 years old, the

time for bone growth is pretty much over.

"A third of your skeleton is laid down in just four years in your adolescence," said McKay.

"When you get past that, [your] skeleton is fully formed. Then it's about hanging on to the bone structure that you have for as long as you can.



**Anything where you are on your feet and you're moving is going to be beneficial.**

Heather McKay



### Trades council welcomes transit funding

The B.C. Building Trades council is welcoming a commitment made in Wednesday's federal budget to help fund the Metro Vancouver's Transit Plan.

However, the council says it's disappointed that the B.C. government hasn't committed to boost its share of funding to 40 per cent from the usual 33 per cent.

Executive Director Tom Sigurdson says the council wants to see the province raise its commitment to the federal government's funding level and that the transit plan would help create construction jobs and much-needed infrastructure.

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### Hit-and-run suspect turns himself in

Vancouver police say a 67-year-old Vancouver man has turned himself in following an alleged hit and run.

Investigators say a 62-year-old woman was struck by a silver Volkswagen Jetta as she crossed a city street on Saturday and it's alleged the driver fled the scene.

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### Conditions prompt B.C. fire warning

The B.C. Wildfire Service is urging people to exercise caution when doing any outdoor burning, due to what could become dry conditions. The Northwest Fire Centre says it's preparing for an early start to the fire season, given the potential for similar weather conditions this spring. With below-normal snowpack levels in some areas, officials say it may not take long for grass to dry out and become flammable, especially in windy conditions.

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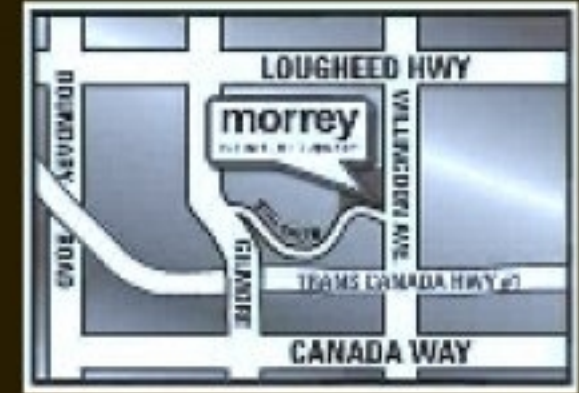
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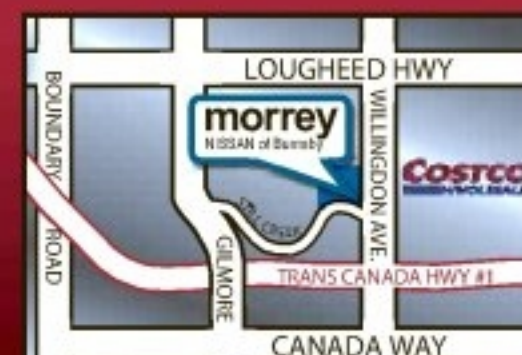


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# Clark's approval trails Horgan and Weaver

## ELECTION

### Poll identified housing as the top concern of voters



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With a little over a month and a half until May's provincial election, Premier Christy Clark finds her approval rating trailing that of NDP Leader John Horgan and Green Party Leader Andrew Weaver, according to a new public-opinion poll.

Less than a third of those surveyed (31 per cent) approved of Clark, compared to 42 per cent approval for the NDP's Horgan and 36 per cent approval for the Green Party's Weaver, according to a poll published Friday by the Angus Reid Institute.

The poll report is quick to point out the election is often not decided until the final days. In March 2013, the premier (or "Comeback Kid" as she was dubbed in a partisan ad on the front page of 24H) recorded her lowest Angus Reid Institute approval rating at 25 per cent, yet she handily won the election in May.

"It's important to look beyond the horse-race numbers around who is up and who is down," warned Shachi Kurl, executive director of the Angus Reid Institute.

"This poll shows that while the B.C. Liberals have a very strong economic message to offer British Columbians going into this election and on the



**Premier Christy Clark at a press conference at a construction site along Johnston Street in Victoria on March 1.**

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**“It's important to look beyond the horse-race numbers around who is up and who is down. Shachi Kurl**

campaign trail, there's also a real feeling that many people in this province are being left behind. People feel they can't compete even if they're employed, even if they're working hard."

Respondents felt that Clark is the best candidate for the economy and Horgan is the best for health care, education

and crime. Weaver is ranked as the best candidate for the environment.

The poll, a randomized online survey of 604 B.C. adults, identified housing as the most important issue heading into the campaign, followed by health care and the economy. The importance of the economy dropped 12 points over

the past year while concerns about housing and health care rose.

The survey also found that Clark is the most polarizing of the candidates with a 62 per cent disapproval rating and only seven per cent of those polled unsure. Uncertainty was substantially higher for Horgan and Weaver (23 and 42 per cent respectively).

That uncertainty is both an opportunity and a challenge for the NDP and Green leaders, Kurl said. While they haven't been visible enough for people

to have formed an opinion, the two leaders don't have political baggage and are essentially clean slates, she said.

"Horgan has the full advantage of being able to leave positive impressions — if he can make them."

As for government economic priorities, the poll found that British Columbians want to see more investment in public services like health care and schools (51 per cent), lowering taxes for the middle class and shrinking the gap between rich and poor (both 38 per cent).

## FIRST NATIONS

### B.C. signs 64 pipeline contracts

The British Columbia government says it has completed benefit agreements with 90 per cent of the eligible First Nations along four proposed natural gas pipeline routes across northern B.C.

The Ministry of Aboriginal Relations says 64 natural gas pipeline benefits contracts have been signed with 29 First Nations and that most include initial financial payments worth over \$1 million, although the ministry says only \$13 million has been paid out so far.

**\$13 million**

**Most of the 29 pipeline benefit contracts that have been signed with 29 First Nations are worth more than \$1 million, but only \$13 million has been paid out so far.**

Most of the agreements also have separate milestone payments, covering when construction begins or gas starts to flow.

The four proposed pipelines linking the gas fields to the northern coast are Prince Rupert Gas Transmission pipeline, the Coastal GasLink Pipeline Project, the Westcoast Connector Gas Transmission Project and the Pacific Trail Pipeline Project.

A government news release says the 16 First Nations along the Pacific Trail route would receive an estimated \$32 million in direct benefits during the construction phase.

The ministry says the agreements help to establish long-term working relationships that include sharing benefits while supporting environmentally and socially responsible natural gas development that also respects aboriginal rights.

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## MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS

### Victoria police chief to undergo disciplinary hearings

Victoria's suspended police chief is to face disciplinary hearings on allegations of inappropriate behaviour toward female staff and breach of trust involving his conduct with an officer's wife.

British Columbia's Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner issued a statement Thursday saying two retired judges found enough evidence for eight of 11 allegations against Frank Elsner to proceed to hearings.

"I would encourage the public not to rush to judgment," said deputy commissioner Rollie Woods. "In fairness to Chief Const. Elsner, he should have his

opportunity to go to the discipline proceeding ... and to defend himself any way he chooses."

Commissioner Stan Lowe appointed former judges Carol Baird Ellan and Ian Pitfield in December 2015 to look into separate allegations of discreditable conduct, inappropriate use of department equipment and deceit by the Victoria Police Department head.

Their appointments came after an internal investigation into inappropriate Twitter messages sent to a female member of another police force became public. The woman was also the

wife of an officer at the Victoria Police Department.

Elsner apologized at the time, saying he was "truly sorry and humiliated."

Ellan and Pitfield received reports with the results of two separate investigations on Feb. 24 and had 10 days to recommend whether hearings should be held. The commissioner decided this week to approve their recommendations.

None of the allegations has been proven. Elsner's lawyer Janet Winteringham said it would be inappropriate for her client to comment at this time.

A commissioner's statement says Pitfield found enough evidence to direct three allegations to a disciplinary hearing: that Elsner engaged in unwanted physical contact, made unwelcome sexual remarks and leered and inappropriately stared at female staff members.

The statement says Ellan concluded there was sufficient evidence for five allegations to go to a hearing, including that Elsner "engaged in conduct with the spouse of a member under his command which constituted a conflict of interest and/or a breach of trust." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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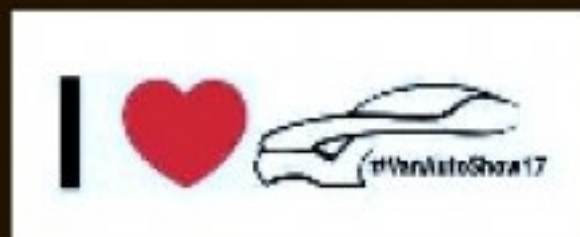
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# No new spending for on-reserve fire safety

## INDIGENOUS ISSUES

### Federal budget includes no mention of fire protection

Despite "unprecedented" spending for indigenous issues, the new federal budget doesn't promise a penny more for fire prevention in First Nations communities.

The words "fire protection," "fire prevention," and "fire services" do not appear once in the 90,000-word document, which does include \$3.4 billion in new spending for indigenous people in Canada, on top of the \$8.4 billion announced last year.

"There really hasn't been that much dollars allocated to indigenous peoples, basically ever," Assembly of First Nations National Chief Perry Bellegarde told reporters in Ottawa on Thursday. "It is in that sense unprecedented, no question."

"Our challenge now is to make sure that these resources get out to the communities to have a real, substantive impact on the ground," Bellegarde said.

There is new money for indigenous health, languages, off-reserve housing and more. On-reserve infrastructure however, which includes fire protection services, will see no new money from Budget 2017 despite the government's own figures showing a \$1.7 billion need.

Earlier this winter Torstar News Service investigation re-



Fire fighters and Ontario Fire Marshall officials attend the scene of a house fire on Oneida Nation of the Thames, southwest of London, Ont. on Dec. 15, 2016 THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

vealed that at least 173 people have died in house fires on First Nations reserves since the federal government stopped keeping track of the data in 2010.

Many of the houses that burn to the ground with people inside them do not meet basic building or fire codes. Overcrowding and inadequate construction means people are often sleeping in very dangerous situations, said Ontario Regional Chief Isadore Day.

On the heels of Torstar's investigation, indigenous affairs

minister Carolyn Bennett committed to implementing two long-standing recommendations that could help save lives: creating a national indigenous fire marshal's office and tracking fire-related data again.

There is, however, a third recommendation that has been repeatedly sought by the Aboriginal Firefighters Association of Canada — the creation of national legislation enforcing basic fire and building codes on reserves.

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## IN BRIEF

### Hubbub in the House

The grilling of government that follows the tabling of a federal budget was all but shoved aside Thursday as opposition MPs pressed the Liberals on their work-life one. Government House leader Bardish Chagger spent a lot of time on her feet in question period as she was forced again and again to defend Liberal efforts to change the rules that govern the House of Commons. Chagger released a paper last week, proposing ideas including abolishing the Friday sitting, allowing electronic voting and creating a special question period for MPs to direct all questions to the prime minister. CP

## QUEBEC

### Homicide triggers probe of police role

Quebec man has been charged with first-degree murder in the slaying of his ex-girlfriend as a police watchdog agency probes the actions of local police in the case.

Anthony Pratte-Lops was arraigned in St-Hyacinthe on Thursday in the death of 18-year-old Daphne Huard-Boudreault and will remain behind bars until the case returns to court April 19.

Huard-Boudreault died in hospital on Wednesday after she was attacked in a home the couple had shared in Mont-St-Hilaire, about 45 kilometres southeast of Montreal. Pratte-Lops was arrested

at the scene. On Thursday, a judge ordered him to not contact the victim's parents.

Huard-Boudreault's work colleagues at a convenience store in nearby Otterburn Park told various media the young woman feared her ex-boyfriend and they said local police weren't much help to her. They allege police said they were powerless to act.

Two separate investigations have been launched — a provincial police probe into the slaying and another by Quebec's bureau for independent investigations into police operations.

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Helene Vosters embroiders all 94 recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation report onto flags in Winnipeg this week. LYLE STAFFORD/FOR METRO

# Reconciliation sewn onto flags

## INDIGENOUS ISSUES

### Sewing circle offers chance to read, discuss TRC report



Jessica Botelho-Urbanski  
Metro|Winnipeg

With every stitch of thread, the 94 recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission become more engrained in Helene Vosters' memory.

The University of Winnipeg student created a roving sewing circle where volunteers can embroider every one of the TRC report's recommendations onto 60 Canadian flags.

"It takes time and I think it serves for me as a real metaphor for the kind of labour and critical engagement with this history that reconciliation requires, especially of settler Canadians," Vosters said.

So far, she's brought the stack of flags to ArtsJunktion and the University of Winnipeg's greenhouse art lab for sewing circles. Any volunteers can drop by to help her sew or read from the TRC report she carries with her.

Next week, she's bringing the project to the Tallest Poppy on Thursday and Friday from noon to 4 p.m.

"(The TRC report) should be on tables everywhere," Vosters said. "Too often reports sit on shelves and it is really a powerful document. It's the history that I wasn't taught in school or that my parents as immigrants weren't taught when they had to study to be citizens."

Niigaan Sinclair, acting head and associate professor in the department of native studies at the University of Manitoba, said he hasn't heard of many reading groups tackling the TRC report. However, he's been asked by many private businesses to give talks about the report's recommendations.

Sinclair said the TRC re-

port has engaged more non-Indigenous Canadians than the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples or the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry of Manitoba, in part due to more mainstream consciousness of Indigenous issues.

"We have come a long way in public awareness on issues involving the problematic and unjust relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in the country," Sinclair said. "We have a long way to go, but I think the TRC has given us a roadmap."

Roewan Crowe, chair and associate professor in the women's and gender studies department at the U of W, previously invited Vosters to join her class to discuss "craftivism" — projects that bring together crafting and activism.

"By taking the time to read the TRC report and embroider sections of the report, people will come to know what is actually in the report and have space to talk about what it means and what it can look like in real life," Crowe said.

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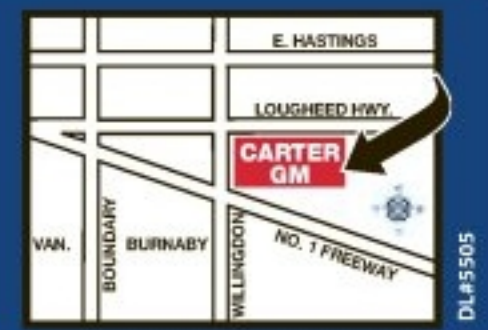
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Masaladobo takes two cuisine favourites, mashes them together to make for an unusual lunch. ABBY WISEMAN/FOR METRO

## Mexican-Indian fusion lives at Masaladobo



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When I heard there was a Mexican-Indian restaurant in town I thought this could be really good or really bad, so I tried Masaladobo with no expectations, and was pleasantly pleased.

The concept behind Masaladobo (433 Granville St.) is essentially Indian food prepared in Mexican ways (hence the fusion of the words Masala — like the Indian sauce — and Adobo — as in the Mexican pepper). Tacos become roti-taco-handrolls and salsa verde is raita verde. The menu is largely gluten and dairy free, with vegan options.



Masaladobo bowl with duck and chicken. ABBY WISEMAN/FOR METRO

The feature of these dishes are the sauces. A classic Indian raita is essentially yogurt mixed with vegetables, herbs or fruit. At Masaladobo, the raita is mixed with the classic salsa verde made with tomatillos, jalapenos and cilantro. Raita Piquante is similar, but made with red chilies.

Essentially these sauces aren't even raita's because both are made with coconut milk. The Masaladobo Sauce is made with adobo peppers and a little curry, which packs quite a kick.

I tried the Blackened Tuna Tikka Takki (\$14), Salmon

Pekoras (\$14) and the Masaladobo Bowl (\$8) with a chicken tikka kebab and ginger duck kebab (\$6).

The Blackened Tuna Tikka Takki was served cold with a dollop of each sauce piled on top of the lightly seared tuna. Complemented with cooling red cabbage and placed upon a tortilla chip, the curry spices juxtapose the fresh tuna, making for a light yet hearty bite.

The salmon pakoras are essentially salmon sticks coated with channa (chickpea) flour and deep fried. Served with the three sauces, the salmon

acts as a vessel for the three signature sauces it's served with.

The Masaladobo Bowl, served with your choice of protein and smothered in sofrito sauce — a classic Spanish spicy tomato sauce.

I tried the bowl with the duck and the chicken kabob. The chicken tikka kebab stood up best against the strong and spicy sofrito spice, while the duck got a little lost.

Like it's food, Masaladobo is two things: a take-away, counter service lunch spot that turns into a proper cantina after 2 p.m. for people to linger over their meal and sip on a margarita offered on tap.

Masaladobo is one of those places that you can't overthink. The menu is complicated and for the cuisine puritans out there, probably a total nightmare of mislabeling classic Mexican and Indian dishes. For everyone else who wants some tasty food that will cater to their dairy/gluten/vegan needs, it's pretty great. The food is fresh, tasty, fast and definitely not boring.



## VANCOUVERING



with icons by Danielle Vallée from the noun project

## Amazonia exhibit holds local lessons

## INDIGENOUS STORIES

## Art from South America being shown at UBC

Cara McKenna  
For Metro

A newly opened display featuring South American Indigenous art in Vancouver contains lessons for B.C. activists who are fighting pipelines, mines and hydroelectric dams, says the exhibit's curator.

Amazonia: The Rights of Nature opened at the Museum of Anthropology at UBC on March 9.

MOA curator Nuno Porto said the exhibit is centred around legislative changes in Bolivia and Ecuador that make the rights of nature part of their constitutions.

He said the changes are thanks to grassroots efforts, and have given Indigenous communities in those countries new rights when it comes to development ravaging their territories in the Amazon rainforest.

"We are listening to a series of stories of people who have solutions to the same problems, and are actually living the same kinds of threats to their way of life, as we are here in B.C.," Porto said.

"I think that's helpful in the sense of the notion that we are not alone. It's really a global threat to which there has to be global answers."

The exhibit contains an array of intricate Indigenous art including ceramics, basketry and textiles that are created from natural elements including wood, feathers and clay. There are also infographics on the walls showing how more countries are legally protecting nature and a multimedia learning centre.

The pieces were assembled



One of the displays at newly opened Amazonia exhibit at the Museum of Anthropology at the University of B.C. CARA MCKENNA/FOR METRO

from both donations and MOA's existing collection.

Porto said he wanted to show a holistic and equal way of life lived by South American Indigenous communities — and counteract capitalist ideals that have led to destructive resource development in both the Amazon and here in B.C.

He believes that not only could Indigenous communities in B.C. learn from Amazonian activists, but ties between the two could be useful to Indigenous people in South America who continue to face threats including political violence.

"While these people are fighting for their rights and their rainforest, they are aligned with us in a way," he said.

"Because they become part of a fight to diminish global warming and greenhouse effects."

Amazonia: The Rights of Nature is on display until January 2018.

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# From fieldhouse to community hub



## Local groups and art spaces find new home in city parks



**Amy Logan**  
For Metro | Vancouver

Tucked unassumingly into the corners of various Vancouver parks, former caretaker's residences have been transformed into community hubs.

The City's Fieldhouse Activation repurposes underutilized space in fieldhouses into community spaces. With the goal of reinvigorating local neighbourhoods, the program encourages place-based activities focused on arts, culture, sport, environment, and local food.

The Vancouver Park Board artist studio residencies program evolved out of a 2011 pilot project, and has included over 50 artists working out of fieldhouses as well as park facilities, marinas and community centres. The program offers work studios for artists, who in turn engage with the community. The Healthy Local Fieldhouse Residency Program offers organizations fieldhouses where they create programs that engage with residents to grow and share food.

Fieldhouse residencies include musicians, gardeners, environmental artists and dancers. Cloudscape Comics Collective, based out of South Memorial Park is a diverse collective of 60 or more members



A field house in its natural habitat at Strathcona Park. Former caretaker's homes, like this one, are being reclaimed as community space. AMY LOGAN/FOR METRO NEWS

that promotes cultural cross-pollination by sharing stories. Like most of the fieldhouses, it offers regular drop-ins at the studio, and it also hosts unique events like the 24-hour Comic Day.

Iris Film Collective creates, screens and exhibits film. With a focus on experimental media arts, the collective regularly hosts screenings and hands-on community workshops. Over at Oak Park fieldhouse, chART: Public Art Marpole focuses on sustainability and art, with up-

coming Up-Cycle Sessions such as homemade pastels, recycled planters, and DIY insect hotels.

At Uncle Hoonki's Fabulous Hornshop, based out of Maclean Park in Strathcona, Mr. Fire-Man invites the community to explore the craft of musical instrument building and wood working as well as tool making, sustainable harvesting of local wood, and creating and playing large wooden fuhorns. Every Tuesday evening, a growing number of Vancouverites join together for

food, conversation, and carving locally sourced wood.

At their Riley Park Fieldhouse Collective, Little Mountain Neighbourhood House uses the space to provide workshops, educational sessions and community meetings. Activities support the Neighbourhood House's core vision of improving food security, ecological sustainability, and community engagement.

The Neighbourhood House has a food-based community focus. According to Joanne

MacKinnon, community engagement co-ordinator for Little Mountain, they aim to "join arts, culture and food through education in the space."

For her, the most rewarding aspect of the fieldhouse is engaging community in workshops, education, training and meetings. The fieldhouse "brings people together to learn, teach, share, and strengthen our community connections," she said. As a hub, the fieldhouse "supports the city's greenest city action

goals and our objective to increase our community's food security."

As MacKinnon pointed out, "the fieldhouses are part of the history of Vancouver and parks in the city. They provide a space to bring community members together and offer a variety of programs and services. There are increased connections, offering diversity, and accessible and inclusive opportunities for intergenerational and inter-cultural experiences."

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# Islamophobia motion passes

OTTAWA

## Contentious M-103 adopted by 2-1 margin

The House of Commons has passed a Liberal backbencher's motion calling on federal politicians to condemn Islamophobia.

The motion, known as M-103, became a matter of acrimonious debate, with opponents painting it as a slippery slope towards limiting freedom of speech and even bringing in Sharia law.

Liberals and Conservatives accused one another of playing politics with the rising tide of prejudice and hate crimes facing Canadian Muslims.

MPs adopted the motion by a margin of 201-91.

Liberal MP Iqra Khalid, who sponsored the motion, was applauded loudly by her Liberal fellows as she stood to vote.

The issue even became a bone of contention among Conservative leadership hopefuls.

Candidate Michael Chong voted in favour, while rivals Andrew Scheer, Steven Blaney, Brad Trost, Kellie Leitch, Erin O'Toole and Maxime Bernier voted against.

The motion called on the Commons to condemn Islamophobia



**Liberal MP Iqra Khalid** makes an announcement about an anti-Islamophobia motion on Parliament Hill while Minister of Canadian Heritage Melanie Joly looks on in Ottawa on Feb. 15. The House of Commons has passed the motion that called on federal politicians to condemn Islamophobia. THE CANADIAN PRESS

and "all forms of systemic racism and religious discrimination." It asked that a Commons committee study how the government can eliminate the problem and collect data on hate crimes.

Last month, the Conservatives proposed their own alternative motion, which was virtually identical except it dropped the

word Islamophobia. The Liberals defeated it, contending that it was aimed at watering down Khalid's motion.

Conservative MPs argued that the undefined term Islamophobia could be construed to mean any criticism of Islam. Some also contended that the motion singles out one religion. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SEN. DON MEREDITH

## New lawyer eschews race card

Beleaguered Sen. Don Meredith's new lawyer said he hoped to temper the intense emotions unleashed by an ethics report on his client's affair with a teenager, adding the race card is now off the table.

In an interview with The

Canadian Press, Bill Trudell said he had agreed to try to help the black senator, who is fending off widespread calls for his resignation in light of the damning account of his conduct with the young woman.

"I definitely am not going to

try to assist Sen. Meredith or the Senate on the basis there's any racial prejudice involved in the alleged conduct or the decisions," Trudell said. "Some people may feel that. Some people may react, but I don't think that assists."

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# 'We are not afraid': May

## TERRORISM

### Britain's PM encourages return to normality

Authorities on Thursday identified a 52-year-old Briton as the man who mowed down pedestrians and stabbed a policeman to death outside Parliament, saying he had a long criminal record and once was investigated for extremism — but was not currently on a terrorism watch list.

As lawmakers returned to work a day after the rampage killed five people and injured at least 30, British Prime Minister Theresa May vowed: "We are not afraid."

"Today we meet as normal — as generations have done before us, and as future generations will continue to do," she said to cheers in the House of Commons.

Daesh claimed responsibility for Wednesday's attack, which police said was carried out by Khalid Masood, a U.K.-born resident of the West Midlands in central England.

Masood plowed a rented SUV



People at a vigil at Trafalgar Square in London on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

into pedestrians on London's Westminster Bridge, killing an American man and a British woman and injuring more than 30 people. A 75-year-old victim on the bridge died late Thursday of his wounds, police said.

Masood fatally stabbed a police officer inside the gates of Parliament.

Some of the victims were identified as Kurt Cochran, 54, of Utah and British school administrator Aysha Frade, 43 and 48-year-old Constable Keith

Palmer, a 15-year veteran of the Metropolitan Police.

Police arrested eight people on suspicion of preparing terrorist acts as authorities sought Masood's motive and possible support network.

One arrest was in London, while the others were in the West Midlands city of Birmingham. Police said they were searching properties in Birmingham, London and Wales.

As police investigated, Parliament got back to business,

opening the day with a minute's silence for the victims.

May set the tone in the House of Commons, saluting the heroism of police and the ordinary actions of everyone who went about their lives in the aftermath.

"It is in these actions — millions of acts of normality — that we find the best response to terrorism. A response that denies our enemies their victory, that refuses to let them win."

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## A look at victims of attack near London's Parliament

The five people killed and at least 30 injured in the attack in Westminster were a cosmopolitan snapshot of one of the world's most cosmopolitan cities.

The dead included a British policeman, stabbed repeatedly, an American tourist who was celebrating his 25th wedding anniversary and a school administrator adored in the Spanish town where she spent summer vacations with her family.

Here's what's known about the victims:

**Police Officer Keith Palmer**, 48, was on duty protecting Parliament Wednesday when he was stabbed to death.

He had been a member of the parliamentary and diplomatic protection forces for 15 years, and a soldier in the Royal Artillery before that.

Honouring Palmer, Prime Minister Theresa May said he was "a husband, a father ... he was every inch a hero."

**Aysha Frade**, a British national whose mother is Spanish, was one of two people killed on the bridge.

In the northwestern Spanish

town of Betanzos, where her mother was born and her two sisters run an English-language school, the mayor said: "The whole town is shocked."

Although Frade, 43, was born and lived in London, she spent weeks every summer in Betanzos visiting relatives, said Ramon Garcia Vazquez, mayor of the town of 13,000 people in Spain's Galicia region.

**Kurt W. Cochran**, from the United States, was on the last day of a trip celebrating his 25th wedding anniversary when he was killed, according to the Mormon church his parents-in-law work for.

His wife, Melissa, was seriously injured. She remains hospitalized.

In a tweet, U.S. President Donald Trump called Cochran "a great American" and said: "My prayers and condolences are with his family and friends." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Aysha Frade



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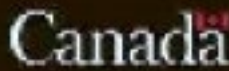
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# Africa has worst hunger crisis in 70 years, UN says

FAMINE

## Trump's plan to cut aid will up suffering: Spokesman

Africa faces the world's largest humanitarian crisis since 1945, with more than 20 million people facing starvation, and any cut in funding to humanitarian agencies working in famine-affected areas will cause untold suffering, a spokesman for the World Food Program said in Johannesburg Thursday, responding to questions about U.S. President Donald Trump's proposal to cut \$10 billion in foreign aid.

"Any cuts at this time are extremely significant, not just for us but for any UN agencies and any aid organization," said David Orr, WFP's Africa spokesman, at a media briefing in Johannesburg. "With the magnitude of needs at the moment it is vital that we continue with a



Thousands of people fleeing the parched countryside arrive daily at a makeshift camp on the outskirts of Baidoa in southwestern Somalia. GETTY IMAGES

high level of assistance."

The current hunger crisis is in three African countries, South Sudan, Somalia and Nigeria, as well as nearby Yemen.

The U.S. is WFP's largest donor and was one of the organization's founders. Last year it contributed more than \$2

billion, representing about 24 per cent of WFP's total budget, Orr said.

UN operations in South Sudan, Somalia, Yemen and Nigeria will require more than \$5.6 billion this year, he said. At least \$4.4 billion is needed by the end of March to avert

a catastrophe, he said, but so far the U. has only received \$90 million.

"The more dramatic cuts in any aid budgets, the more the number of deaths, the more suffering there is going to be," Orr said.

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## South Sudan accused of ignoring famine

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres accused South Sudan's government on Thursday of refusing to express "any meaningful concern" about the plight of 100,000 people suffering from famine, 7.5 million in need of humanitarian aid and thousands more fleeing fighting.

The UN chief delivered a sharp rebuke to the country's president, Salva Kiir, saying that most often the international community hears denials — "a refusal by the leadership to even acknowledge the crisis or to fulfil its responsibilities to end it."

There were high hopes that South Sudan would have peace and stability after its independence from neighbouring Sudan in 2011. But the country plunged into ethnic violence in December 2013 when forces loyal to Kiir, a Dinka, started battling those loyal to Riek Machar, his former vice-president who is a Nuer. A peace deal signed in August 2015 has not stopped the fighting and the three-year civil war has devastated the country, killed tens of thousands, and contributed to a famine in two counties.

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### SOMALIA CRISIS

#### Leader pleads for global help to avert starvation

Somalia's president said Thursday that almost half his country's people are facing acute food shortages and about 15 per cent are facing famine, and he urged the world to help.

Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed told the UN Security Council that

Somalis are proud and resilient and would be the last to ask for help, but drought has spawned a humanitarian crisis that could threaten recent political and security gains.

The UN said Wednesday that the \$864 million UN humanitarian appeal for Somalia is only 31 per cent funded. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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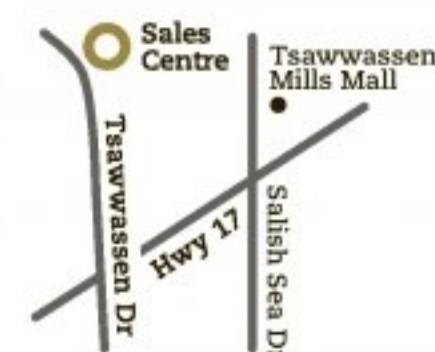


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# Snapchat gets top marks

## SOCIAL MEDIA

**App has taken firm hand to fight fake news, report says**



**Andrew Fifield**  
Metro | Toronto

Since the U.S. election introduced most of us to the term “fake news,” the issue has hardened into an extremely tough nut to crack for social networks.

Fast Company examined the efforts of the industry’s biggest players to learn how each of them is approaching the problem, and it probably won’t surprise many which companies have most laissez-faire approach to cracking down on hoaxes.

The network that gets the greatest kudos for killing fake news may be a bit more of a shock, however.

### The Reddit Rabble

At the bottom of the heap is Reddit, the “front page of the Internet” that relies on its enormous and often temperamental user base to vet, share and elevate content across the site’s many sections, known as subreddits.

In particular, The Donald subreddit — a staunchly pro-Trump collection of users — is a hotbed of conspiracy theories, misinformation and outright bigotry that has provided a path for extreme right wing opinions to trickle up to the high-traffic front page.

### Facebook Fares Little Better

The largest social network of all was the primary focus of fake news fact checkers in the aftermath of the presidential election, and they have since taken several steps to correct the rampant spread of misinfor-



Unlike other social networks staffed by engineers relying on algorithms to detect and scrub hoaxes, **Snapchat CEO Evan Spiegel** has instead hired a team of journalists and editors to trawl their curated stories for errors or outright falsehoods. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

mation across nearly two billion users.

Early in the new year, Facebook partnered with several fact-checking and news gathering organizations to develop a tool that tips users off to questionable or outright bogus stories.

Either way, the complete evaporation of fake news from Facebook news feeds is unlikely to occur anytime soon, since the company takes a firm stand on what they describe as deciding what the truth is.

### Snapping To Attention

The photo-sharing app Snap-

chat has taken a much firmer hand when it comes to pushing fake news out of site.

Unlike other social networks staffed by engineers relying on algorithms to detect and scrub hoaxes, Snapchat has instead hired a team of journalists and editors to trawl their curated stories for errors or outright falsehoods.

### Fake News and European Elections

In the wake of the U.S. election, eight per cent of Americans who voted for Hillary Clinton said their primary news source was Facebook. Seven

per cent of those who voted for President Donald Trump said the same. And while those numbers may seem small, experts have said they are high enough to potentially swing a result that was decided so narrowly.

Wary from the American experience, officials in several European countries that will be holding national elections this year have been working closely with social networks to avoid a repeat.

French journalists have already teamed up with Google and Facebook to monitor the spread of misinformation and

propaganda ahead of that country’s election in April.

### The Canadian Response

Although we are still years away from our next federal election, Canadian government officials are not taking a wait-and-see approach to the spread of fake news.

In December, the federal heritage committee studied the issue as part of their larger report on the future of media in the country.

“We saw what happened in the United States,” said committee chair Hedy Fry. “The United States woke everybody up.”

## TRADE

# Dairy for lumber proposed

The most common uses of Canadian dairy normally include milk, cream, yogurt, butter and cheese. But a new report suggests an altogether different application: use it as a bargaining chip.

A free-market think-tank suggests offering American negotiators in upcoming NAFTA talks more open trade in dairy, in exchange for more stable trade in softwood lumber to secure long-term peace on that perennially problematic file.

Squeezing some protectionism out of both industries would be good for consumers, spur economic productivity, and ultimately result in more successful businesses in both countries, says the report from the Montreal Economic Institute.

“Trade barriers have never made more than a small minority of people richer, at the expense of the vast majority,” says the paper, released Thursday.

“Eliminating those that persist in the agricultural sectors under supply management and in the softwood lumber sector ... would be good both for consumers and for producers....

“That opportunity should be seized without hesitation.”

Both industries face a critical moment. For dairy, the Trump administration is being pressed to include the issue in NAFTA talks by U.S. lawmakers, just as softwood lumber experiences its latest round of once-a-decade lawsuits and tariff threats.

The industries share similarities.

Both are shielded from open trade in the old NAFTA, employ more than 200,000 people in Canada, and claim a similar economic value of \$14-15 billion to Canada’s GDP.

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## LAWSUITS

# Theme parks fight property tax bills

It takes a lot of land to accommodate Cinderella’s castle, The Wizarding World of Harry Potter and Epcot’s 11-country World Showcase — and a hefty purse to pay the property taxes on it.

To cut tax bills in the tens of millions of dollars, the specialists at Orlando’s famous theme parks have employed methods from the creative — placing cows on undeveloped land and claiming an agricultural exemption — to the traditional —

negotiating or appealing to a county board.

Over the past couple of years, however, such tactics aren’t quite doing the job: Property assessments and taxes have jumped — and so has the number of lawsuits the theme parks and other businesses have filed against Orange County’s property appraiser. In lawsuits filed last year, the theme parks said the office had failed to use proper appraisal methodology.

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## HOW DID THIS CHICKEN GET SO BIG?

Despite what you may have read on the Internet, gigantic chickens are nothing to be afraid of. The chicken in that viral video from Kosovo belongs to a very large breed called the Brahma. How did it get that big? The usual way: selective breeding. Here's how it works.

### HISTORY

**Brahmas** are believed to have been bred from Cochins, a preposterously fluffy, massive breed from South Asia. A craze for Brahmas and other giant chickens swept the western world in the mid-1800s, according to poultry historian Andrew Lawler.

### DIVERSITY

The wild relatives of modern chickens, **red junglefowl**, gifted today's pluckers with incredible genetic diversity. Chickens come in an astounding variety of shapes, sizes and colours. All those differences result from variations in DNA between chicken breeds and individual chickens. A 2004 study found chickens have six to seven times more genetic diversity than humans do.

### ARTIFICIAL SELECTION

Like humans, chickens have two copies of all their genes, one from each parent. Say there's a single gene that causes giant-ness in chickens. Possibly, some giants may have just one copy of the gene, while others have two. If farmers breed giant chickens only with other giants over many generations, eventually all chicks will reliably be giant.

That means the whole

flock is **homozygous**: They all have two copies of the giant gene, and all their future chicks will too. This is called **breeding true**.



### NATURAL SELECTION

Sometimes a particular genetic trait will help a species survive and reproduce better. That trait will tend to become more common over time. That's **natural selection**. But for centuries, humans have interfered with this process, breeding chickens for traits they want to see. That's **artificial selection**.

### FINDINGS

#### Your week in science



#### DINOSAUR DUST-UP

Since the 1800s, we've divided dinosaurs into two groups. The T. Rex and brontosaurus were in one, and triceratops, duckbills and stegosaurus in another. But a new study of fossils from 75 species says we should scrap that system. In the new family tree, the T. Rex is more closely related to the duckbill and the brontosaurus is a distant cousin.

#### HEART HEALTHY SALAD

An American team has turned spinach leaves into something that looks and works a lot like real, beating heart tissue. They replaced plant cells with heart cells, relying on the leaf's "veins" for structure.

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## The biological computers of the future

### Will we really soon have computers made of DNA?

Teams all over the world are working on quantum computers. Through the magic of quantum physics, one day these babies may be able to routinely handle files the size of 40,000 videos and run fast enough to break all the encryption methods that currently exist. (Encryption is just a fancy way of saying "giving a computer a number so big that it gets

stumped.")

If quantum computers come together the way scientists at Google and the Canadian Institute for Quantum Computing are hoping, we're going to need some better technology for information storage.

There aren't enough hard disks in the world for all that data.

Enter the storage molecule of the future: DNA. If you were to uncoil all the DNA in all the cells in your body, it would

reach past the edge of our solar system. All that is small enough to fit inside you!

DNA contains information: A sequence of acids represented by the letters A, C, T and G. Scientists have already managed translating DNA sequences into binary code, the basic language all our computers speak.

DNA persists for thousands of years, meaning our data could be kept secure and accessible in perpetuity, unlike that box of floppy disks in your

basement.

It's a moonshot. We're nowhere near figuring out how to write information onto DNA and read it back out in an accurate, reliable and speedy manner. But I have confidence we'll get there.

It's like landing humans on Mars. I have faith that (crazy!) day will come, too. The hopeful march forward is what science is all about.

#### Science Question?

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## Morphin back to '90s nostalgia

IN FOCUS

**Power Rangers is a throwback, but is it a lazy retread?**

**Richard Crouse**  
For Metro Canada



What do Point Break, Independence Day and Beauty and the Beast have in common? All are movies released in the 1990s and all have been remade, reimagined or rebooted in recent years.

Brand-happy Hollywood is in overdrive repurposing Saturday morning superhero cartoons, big screen hits and other touchstones of '90s pop culture and audiences have mostly lapped up the nostalgia from the Clinton years.

Independence Day: Resurgence and Point Break tanked but Beauty and the Beast, to use a 90s term, was all that and a bag of chips — box-office wise.

This weekend it's morphin' time once again as the Power Rangers are resurrected for the big screen.

Featuring familiar characters but an all new cast, Power Rangers sees the helmeted heroes rescue the world from a powerful witch, an army of stone golems called Putties and Goldar, a giant golden monster born on

Titan, one of Saturn's moons.

It's a blast from the past designed to draw in new fans while appealing to grown ups who came of age in the 1990s but is it possible to feel nostalgia for four actors in plastic helmets?

The dictionary tells us nostalgia is "a sentimental longing or wistful affection for the past, typically for a period or place with happy personal associations."

Science tells us more.

As a recent study showed when we get bad news or are feeling down, nostalgic, misty memories of a simpler time almost automatically kick in.

Call it protection.

Call it wistfulness.

Call it whatever you like; Hollywood calls it money and exploits it ruthlessly because movies are a natural nostalgic go-to. They are the stuff from which dreams are woven and the feelings associated with them can give us comfort when the going gets rough.

We now live in unsettled times, so perhaps the neo Power Rangers will bring back recol-

lections of carefree Saturday mornings spent watching the TV show. Or a long ago Halloween costume inspired by Amy Jo Johnson (the popular Pink Ranger) but at the rate Hollywood is recycling ideas we'll soon run out of things to get nostalgic about. Can you be nostalgic for nostalgia?

As I see it, nostalgia is bad for the movies. It encourages lazy retreads and reimaginings, not innovation and originality. If we demand new films to make memories with, to fall in love with, then Hollywood's raiding of pop culture brands must stop. Romanian-American poet and novelist Andrei Codrescu says that in the grand collage that is art, the "past and future are equally usable." I'm just wishing Hollywood would look to the future more often.

To a degree, all art is a combination of everything that came before. But interesting, original films like Moonlight, Manchester by the Sea and Get Out give me hope that some filmmakers have their eyes facing forward and aren't simply wallowing in nostalgia.



Elizabeth Banks plays powerful sorceress Rita Repulsa in the new Power Rangers. CONTRIBUTED

### MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Life                   | ★★★★ |
| Power Rangers          | ★★   |
| Personal Shopper       | ★★★★ |
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## INTERVIEW

## In Personal Shopper, real life haunts Kristen Stewart

In the disheveled backroom of an East Village restaurant, Kristen Stewart is sarcastically motivating the French director Olivier Assayas for a photo shoot.

"You're in America now, dude," Stewart jokes. "We've got to sell the s— out of this movie."

Stewart, a blockbuster veteran at 26, is well acquainted with the demands of movie promotion. But with Assayas, she has found a freedom from such concerns. She and the director have forged an unlikely but formidable bond that has resulted in two highly acclaimed movies, both made in Europe, far outside of Hollywood jurisdiction.

They're an odd pair: She, a rebel A-lister from Los Angeles who has become one of the movie's most exciting and uncompromising actors; he, a demure Parisian whose layered, cerebral films teeter between reality and fiction.

What makes them click? she chuckles.

"That's the main question," she says. "I don't know. We like each other."

Their latest film, *Personal Shopper*, is full of mysteries, too. It's a ghost story, set in a



**Kristen Stewart in *Personal Shopper*.** CONTRIBUTED

contemporary world of texting and Googling. In the film, which opens Friday, Stewart plays a twin whose brother has just died. Her day job is shopping in Paris for a stuck-up celebrity, but she's also a medium, and a series of strange encounters make her believe a spirit (her brother?) is contacting her.

There were plenty of moments while making *Personal Shopper* where Stewart's fame invaded. Shooting on the streets of Paris (Stewart drives a moped through the city in the film), they were surrounded by paparazzi.

But Stewart says she channeled the intrusions into her

haunted character. "I thought I was being taken from, and it was good," she says. "It made me more sensitive. My nerves were very close to the surface."

The former *Twilight* actress has deservedly made a reputation for herself as an unusually forthright and frank star. She has taken part after part, usually in smaller, indie productions, with an insatiable urge to work, to keep exploring. Stewart also debuted a short film she directed at Sundance this year.

In a memorable Saturday Night Live monologue earlier this year, she reflected on when Donald Trump in 2012 repeatedly tweeted that her then-boyfriend Robert Pattinson should "dump" her. "It was inconceivable, actually," Stewart says. "At the time, I regarded him as like a reality-show star. I was like: Who is this guy?"

She also, in a rebuke to Trump and an inspiration to others, announced, "And I'm like so gay, dude."

"I've really allowed myself to really freely and with no regard to the effect of others live my life," says Stewart. ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Movie misery loves company

## PERSONAL SHOPPER

### French director praises Kristen Stewart in their second film

**Richard Crouse**

For Metro Canada



Ghostbusting is supposed to make you feel good. If that's true, why does *Personal Shopper*'s Maureen (played by Kristen Stewart) appear so miserable all the time? Perhaps it's because the spirit she is trying to bust is that of her brother Lewis, a twin who died of a heart attack in a rambling, old Paris house.

In her second film with French director Olivier Assayas, the *Twilight* star gives a career topping performance, brittle yet calm in the face of mounting terror.

There is a detached feel to the performance that recalls the remove Hitchcock's leading ladies often projected as she navigates through personal tragedy and supernatural mystery.

"Kristen is the great actress of her generation," says Assayas. "I feel very privileged to have this connection with her. It is miraculous to work with a young actress who realizes there is no end to what she can do. You tell her, 'You can fly,' and she doesn't believe it and then she does it."

"I have always loved to work with young actors and actresses. You catch them at a moment when they are transforming and opening up. I think it is always interesting to work with actors when you can give them something. When you work with great actors who have done it all, it is very difficult because you give them something that they have already done better in another movie ten years before."

Their previous collaboration, *Clouds of Sils Maria*, earned Stewart a rare honour. She was the first American actress to be nominated for and win a best supporting actress César award, the French equivalent of an Oscar.

"She is obsessed with breaking anything that could feel like routine," he says.

"She gives herself this rule of not doing what she would instinctively do. When you do a scene there is an obvious start-



**Olivier Assayas, known for his cerebral films that teeter between fiction and reality, says Kristen Stewart has great instincts.** AP

ing place. She never takes it. That's what I love. As a writer I don't want to see what I imagined, I want to see an actor who takes it, who appropriates it and does something else with it. That's when it becomes real and human."

"Usually I work with actors once, twice and after a while I realize we've gone all the way. With Kristen I think I could go on and on."

*Personal Shopper* is a ghost story, so things take a strange turn when Maureen's phone lights up with mysterious texts while she's on a quick Chun-

nel trip to London. "R U real? R U alive or dead?" she writes, replying to the Unknown texter. "Tell me something you find unsettling," comes the response, opening the door for Maureen to begin exploring her fears, phobias, digging deeper than she ever has.

"I don't believe in the supernatural but I believe there is more to life than the material world. Science kind of proves it. There is so much going on that we can't see because it is too small or too big or whatever. We have our own relationship with some invisible world. Each of us has his own version of it. You end up living with the departed."

"Each of us has an inner world which is much more complex than the material world. It's much more fascinating in terms of cinema. I don't think it is bizarre to try and connect with that."

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Olivier Assayas, director



# Rangers power up to stand out

## ACTION MOVIES

### Latest reboot combines big spectacle with cerebral drama

To paraphrase Mark Twain, there's no such thing as a new idea. Instead, as the great

**Steve Gow**  
For Metro Canada



American humorist insisted, we only twist old ideas into curious new combinations.

Of all things, that's just what has happened to Power Rangers.

In the 1990s, the Japanese-influenced live-action series about a quintet of teens who achieve the ability to morph into superheroes not only captivated young minds, it grew into a global marketing phenomenon and the most-watched children's program on American television.

"I'm excited to see how people receive the film," admitted Australian actor Dacre

Montgomery, who plays the team-leading Red Ranger in the reboot. "I think it is a good representation of where we're at in the world at the moment and it's good that it has an opportunity to come back to life."

For those who recall, there wasn't anything fancy about the original series — just a bunch of costumed martial-arts stuntmen groaning and duelling with goofy rubber monsters on cheap-looking sets. In the age of the big-screen blockbuster however, Power Rangers is ready for an impressive effects makeover on par with Marvel hits like The Avengers and Guardians of the Galaxy.

"This film draws a fine line between those other movies," explained Montgomery.



**This film draws a fine line between those other movies.**

Dacre Montgomery, actor

"Those visceral, intelligent, complex movies that are so beautiful to watch and the big superhero spectacles — and hopefully combines them in such an effective way that we can engage (fans) on an even deeper level than other superhero franchises."

Another way the reboot attempts to carve itself a piece of the comic-book movie market is through inclusivity. Whereas the old show was a campy mess of non-stop action, producers aimed to ensure the new squad resonated with today's teens by providing depth and proving how our differences can maximize our full potential when fully united.

"All of the Marvel and DC worlds — they're not as diverse as this cast is," added Montgomery.

"We are legitimately from different corners of the planet, each of the cast members, and although we don't this American accent, we all bring different cultural elements of our backgrounds of upbringing to those roles which makes it an even more diverse and interesting dynamic."



RJ Cyler (Billy), Naomi Scott (Kimberly), Ludi Lin (Zack), Dacre Montgomery (Jason), and Becky G (Trini), star in the new Power Rangers movie. CONTRIBUTED

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# Sweet side of Ford is missing in Filth

PREMIERE

## Savagery in film version out-weighs the true story

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Actor Pat Thornton does what the Toronto Police could never do. He nails Rob Ford, providing a chaotic and quite perfect impersonation of the late mayor of Toronto.

Four years ago, sitting in the back of a darkened car watching the crack video on an iPhone with colleague Robyn Doolittle, I felt like we were in a cheap crime drama.

Late-night phone calls. Coffee. Drive to a prescribed location. Wait. Small talk. Wait. Get into car with strange man. Get driven to a parking lot. Convince a drug-and-gun dealer to show video of Toronto's top politician smoking a rock of crack.

The Rob-Ford-on-crack video we saw that night is the one Thornton has brought to the

screen as Mayor Tom Hogg in the movie *Filth City*. Out of his mind on drugs for most of the film, wheezing, screaming, lecherous, crude and yet quite messianic in his desire to save taxpayers' money.

Our Ford had the slogan, "Stop the gravy train." This Hogg goes a bit further, vowing to take all of the social programs, the subsidized housing and the schools that are using up taxpayers' money and "Suck them dry!"

Missing from his characterization of the mayor is what I came to understand as the sweet side of Ford — his actions tormented his family, but he did love them; among Ford Nation he was pretty much a deity.

That's why Ford Nation was so angry that the cops and media were after him. This Hogg has no family, but he does have a sidekick he calls "Bro," a more sympathetic, though less loyal, character than the real Doug Ford, brother of Rob.

What is not missing from the movie is the crack, and lots of it. The cops do crack. Mayor Hogg does crack. Oh, and the guns.

Agatha Christie once said



Actor Pat Thornton, above, plays Tom Hogg while Siobhan Murphy, right, plays Miriam Keen in *Filth City*. HANDOUTS

that her approach to writing mystery stories was to drop in another body when things got dull. I stopped counting at 10 killed, mostly in wild shootouts.

Every time I grew to like a character in the movie, he was killed. That wholesale violence never happened in the Ford story, though two of the three men Ford was photographed with outside the house where

the video was filmed were later shot outside a bar, and one of them died.

In *Filth City* all of the crazy rumours we reporters heard on the chase come to life: The suitcase full of cash in return for the video — in the movie, yes; never happened in real life. Cops on the side of the mayor, working aggressively to find the video to destroy it

— unfounded scuttlebutt in the Ford case and, at the end of the day, it was the then-chief Bill Blair who confirmed the video's existence six months after Robyn and I first saw it.

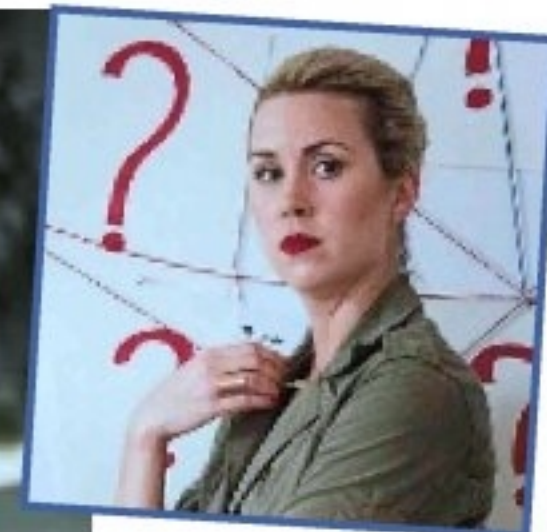
As in real life, the movie's star is the crack video itself. The at-times-fruitless, fraught-with-danger search for the elusive iPhone clip that so many (in Toronto and in the mythical

and garbage-ridden *Filth City*) wanted for their own purposes. Some wanted it to bring down a mayor. Some wanted it to make sure a mayor stayed propped up. And some wanted it to make money to get out of town, or to tell the public whom they had elected.

And like mayor Ford, Mayor Hogg had a simple plan.

"I'm gonna work my ass off to be the best goddamn mayor of all time!" Hogg tells a very high Hogg Nation campaign crowd. Apart from the carnage in *Filth City*, it works out a great deal better for this mayor than it did for ours.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



# Greer roots for Harrelson in new movie Wilson

**Richard Crouse**  
For Metro Canada



Judy Greer wrote a charming, self-deprecating book called *I Don't Know What You Know Me From: Confessions of a Co-Star* that chronicles her busy career as the second lead in dozens of movies and television shows like *Jurassic World*, *Ant-Man*, *Arrested Development* and *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*.

She is, as her twitter bio reads, "that girl from that movie/tv show," a familiar face on

screens big and small. If you can't place the face, perhaps you'll recognize the voice. One of her longest running roles has her voicing the clingy and emotionally fragile Cheryl Tunt on the wildly popular adult animated spy sitcom *Archer*. For Greer herself the show has provided a career highpoint.

"I got to sign someone's boobs at Comic-Con last year," she says. "I think you've really made it if you have your own action figure and people want you to sign their boobs."

There are other perks as well. "I went to a dinner party re-

cently, now I'm about to name drop, and Jon Hamm was there. He played a role on *Archer* but we don't record together so I never get to meet anyone who does it. When I saw him he said, 'God, I love your work on *Archer* and I love *Archer* so much I just wanted to be in it.' That was so cool. That was a highlight. Jon Hamm and the boob signing. They work well in tandem. Maybe I'll sign Jon Hamm's boobs sometime!"

Her latest film, *Wilson*, gave her the chance to meet another of her favourite actors.

"I'm looking to work with

people who inspire me. I'm pretty happy with the roles I'm getting and I just want to work with more of my idols. I definitely checked that box with Woody (Harrelson)."

In the film Greer plays Shelly, a dog sitter who is one of the only people who finds the offbeat title character charming.

"There are a handful of actors who couldn't play this role because you would hate them all the way through to the end. Woody himself is so lovely and wonderful that in the beginning when Wilson is

kind of terrible Woody makes you root for him.

"After I saw the movie I found myself wanting to spend more time talking to people who irritate me," she says. "Maybe that person is a Wilson and Wilson is great. I would want to hear Wilson's opinion about things. Maybe I'm shutting people down too quickly. Maybe I need to give people who have strong opinions a little bit more of a minute in my life. Maybe there is something to be learned from them."

The effervescent 41-year-old, who will next be seen in

*War for the Planet of the Apes*, laughs when she says, "I felt strongly that (director) Craig (Johnson) would be making a huge mistake by not casting me."

"Sometimes when I read something I fall in love with the character I'm going to play and sometimes I fall in love with the movie itself. In this case I fell in love with the whole movie, the script itself. I had to see this movie pop up for years to come and be so proud that I had a small piece of it. I wanted to do what I could to help Wilson and his story."

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# Updated Cloud Atlas goes digital

## WEATHER

### Sky-watchers celebrate new classifications

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Clouds can now wander a little less lonely. Good news for sky-watchers didn't rain so much as pour Thursday as World Meteorological Day was marked by the official unveiling of upwards of a dozen 'new' clouds

by the world's weather chiefs. That wasn't all.

The spirits of amateur cloud-spotters were sent sky high with the release of a new digital edition of the International Cloud Atlas — the classification system for clouds and meteorological phenomena — which had last been updated in 1987.

The atlas dates back to the 19th century but amateur and scientific cloud observers had long been clamoring for an update from the World Meteorological Organization.

"Just like newspapers and everything else, everyone has gone digital right?" laughed Phil

Austin, associate professor at the University of British Columbia specializing in cloud physics. "The (Cloud) Atlas has turned out to be quite an important thing to try and reconstruct what clouds looked like in the past. Before there were satellites, there were people watching the sky."

Now all sky-watchers can access the digital Atlas. "It's decades in the making. It's great to see that it's in digital format now so the public can see it," said David Sills, a meteorologist with Environment and Climate Change Canada based in King City, Ont. Here are some of the key cloud changes that swept in.



### Asperitas's moment in the sun

After much campaigning from citizen cloudspotters, asperitas was recognized as a new cloud, the atlas describing it "as if viewing a roughened sea surface" from below. "Probably everyone has noticed these," said Sills. "We see them here in Southern Ontario six or seven times a year. It's quiet dramatic, you'll see social media light up with pictures, especially if it's at sunrise or sunset."

### Go catch 'em all

"There's a whole nephology community out there with your typical cloud nerds who have all the names memorized," said Sills, (this one is a fluctus). "It's something fun for everyone. And now more people can get involved."



### Volutus comes in from the storm

A whole new species, volutus was quite literally a slow roller. "Sometimes you get a thunderstorm and it produces this gust of cold air that moves out from under it," explains Sills. "Hence that leading edge keeps moving and moving, especially if it's near sunset, it can keep moving overnight."



### Citizens matter

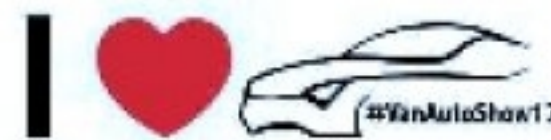
Those nice Instagram snaps you take, like this cavum in Hong Kong? They matter. "Glaciologists trying to track where glaciers are receding have gone on to Flickr and are harvesting upwards of 500,000 to a million photos of glaciers that people have uploaded and used those to track glaciers," explains Austin. "You could imagine similar with clouds."



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## 5 THINGS TO SEE IN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

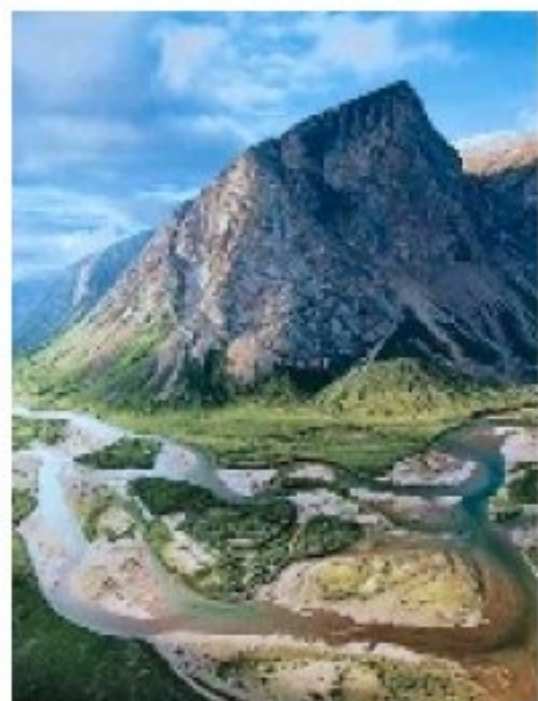
People have been exploring Newfoundland and Labrador for around 10,000 years, starting with the earliest hunters and gatherers, the Paleo-Indians. Vikings were the first Europeans to arrive, followed by adventurers from England, Portugal, France and Spain. Today, visitors come from around the world to discover the scenery, sample the culinary offerings and take in the wealth of cultural experiences. Here are 10 things to see and do in the province known as The Rock.

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### 1 Cultural centerpiece

The brand new Illusuk Cultural Centre will celebrate Labrador Inuit culture, language, traditions, stories and experiences when it opens this summer in Nain, Nunatsiavut's largest and most northern community and the gateway to Torngat Mountains National Park.



### 2 Torngat Mountains National Park

For centuries, Torngat Mountains National Park's fjords, valleys and towering peaks have drawn Inuit hunters and fishermen. Home to seals, whales, wolves, foxes, eagles, caribou, muskoxen and polar and black bears, it also attracts hikers and kayakers on wilderness camping excursions.



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### 3 Whale watching

Twenty-two species of whales, from minke to orca to humpback, frolic along these shores from May to September. You can see them, and even small harbour porpoises, from tour boats and sea kayaks, and even just by walking along the beaches and coastal trails.

NOT A TOURIST | A letter from Mark Stachiew

## Tracing Newfoundland's Viking settlers



A sod longhouse at L'Anse aux Meadows shows how Vikings would have lived a thousand years ago. MARK STACHIEW/FOR METRO

After visiting the only known Viking settlement in North America, we learned to appreciate the struggles that the New World's first immigrants faced a thousand years ago just to find this place and then to survive in its harsh environment.

We hiked out into the low, scrubby landscape at L'Anse aux Meadows, N.L. to visit the remnants of their seaside settlement, but were under-

whelmed to see that it was not much more than a small collection of grassy mounds. That disappointment vanished quickly as our Parks Canada guide brought the story of those mounds to life. He explained how the Vikings smelted iron from the bogs to make nails to repair their ships and struggled to survive at that spot for several years until they eventually abandoned it.

Adjacent to the actual na-

tional historic site, is a sod longhouse, peopled with costumed re-enactors who demonstrated how the Vikings lived, giving sense to what life might have been like there a millennium ago.

Not far away from L'Anse aux Meadows is Norstead where we got to visit a larger recreation of a Viking settlement. It's not affiliated with Parks Canada, but it had a larger collection of sod houses

with more Viking re-enactors. Its most impressive attraction was the Snorri, a replica of a Viking ship that was sailed to Norstead from Greenland to mark the 1,000th anniversary of Leif Erikson's voyage, giving us an even greater appreciation of the dangers the Vikings took to leave their homes in search of a better life elsewhere and reminding us that immigrants to this land are still taking risks to get here.

### 4 Cultural events

The Newfoundland and Labrador Folk Festival in St. John's is designated as a fully accessible cultural event. The lively weekend of traditional music and interactive workshops, with open jam sessions, dance lessons and arts and crafts, draw musicians and an audience that spans generations. This year's even runs Aug. 4-6.

If literature floats your boat, writers at Woody Point brings writers, musicians and artisans together to inspire visitors amid the outdoor setting of Gros Morne National Park and in historic and intimate venues in the town of Woody Point. This year's festival runs Aug. 15-20.



### 5 The Screech Room

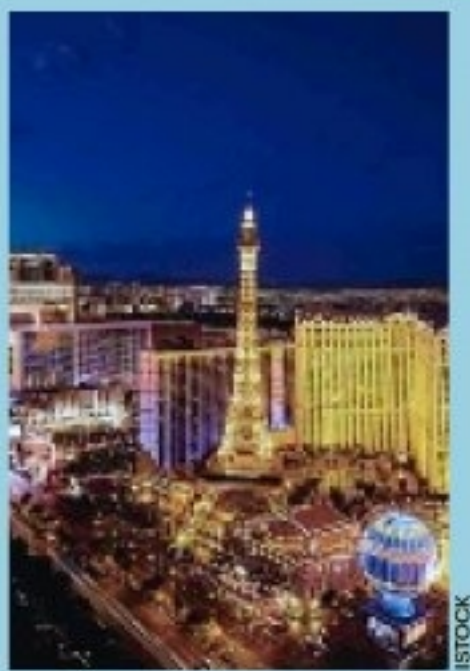
You can buy Newfoundland Screech Rum all over the world but only here can we become honorary Newfoundlanders via a "Screech-In." St. John's is the only place with a 1850s-style Screech Room (in the Masonic Temple) where Screech-inspired food, beverage, accessories and activities are righteously feted.



## TRAVEL NOTES LAS VEGAS TRANSIT, AN ARTIST'S DRESS, ROLLING STONE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

## Las Vegas light rail

State and local government have presented a legislative plan laying the groundwork to build a multi-billion-dollar light rail system to link McCarran International Airport with the Las Vegas Strip. The proposal heard in the Senate Transportation Committee would give local officials new authority to seek tax hikes or federal grants to finance an expanded portfolio of major transportation developments. But they need state permission to fund or implement any plans. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## Georgia O'Keeffe's closet on display

A New York City museum is highlighting Georgia O'Keeffe's role as a style icon. The Brooklyn Museum exhibit Georgia O'Keeffe: Living Modern features clothing, paintings and photos.

Guest curator Wanda M. Corn studied six decades worth of O'Keeffe's garments and accessories. Co-ordinator Lisa Small says O'Keeffe's distinctive clothing style symbolized her lifelong commitment to minimalism. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## Rock 'n' Rolling Stone

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame will celebrate 50 years of Rolling Stone magazine in an exhibit set to open this spring in Cleveland.

The Rock Hall says the exhibit will explore the magazine's archive of award-winning music, political and cultural reporting. It will open in conjunction with the release of the book, 50 Years of Rolling Stone. The exhibit will include rarely heard stories, original manuscripts, music reviews and audio interviews. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## Getting schooled at a N.B. aquarium

## SHIPPAGAN

## Focus on local aquatic life rather than tropical species

Have you touched a blue lobster lately? That's a question for visitors as they enter the New Brunswick Aquarium and Marine Centre in Shippagan, N.B.

Located on the northeast shore of the province, the aquarium is now in its 35th year, offering visitors a better understanding of aquatic life in Eastern Canada and the fishing industry.

"Visitors have the opportunity to witness our natural heritage here. It's our livelihood here in northern New Brunswick,"

said Laurent Robichaud, co-ordinator of development and promotion for the centre. Situated on the waterfront in Shippagan, the centre features a scenic view, a lighthouse built more than a century ago and an outdoor tank with seals ready to amuse.

"People have an opportunity to see them being fed twice a day. They get to see how smart they are, how fast they are, and the interpreters explain the biology of these amazing animals also," Robichaud said.

Inside, 31 large and colourful tanks can be seen as you wind your way through the aquarium's corridors. Many of the displays include interactive elements.

"We usually have about 100 species, or about 3,000 fish and invertebrates at all times," Robichaud said. A large tank in the lobby displays coloured lobsters, ranging from blue to orange to polka-dotted, and some with one colour on one side and a different colour on the other side.

"We even have a lobster that has both sexes. I'm not sure how rare that is, but it's certainly more than one in every 100 million," Robichaud said.

Blue lobsters tend to be the most popular among the 34,000 people who visit every year, he said. Only about one in every four to five million lobsters is blue.

Unlike some aquariums that display exotic bright and colourful tropical fish, the centre in Shippagan

highlights aquatic life



Atlantic Sturgeon at the Shippagan Aquarium. At left: A jellyfish tank in Shippagan. Bottom left: A rare albino Atlantic Lobster at the bottom of an indoor tank. THE CANADIAN PRESS

that can be found in the waters of Eastern Canada.

You'll see large sturgeon, eels, crabs, starfish and many more and get a chance to learn how they live in the wild. Visitors will also learn that the waters are home to different whales, sharks and even leatherback turtles.

Education and research are important components of the facility, which is visited by about 2,500 school children each year. Most come from New Brunswick, but there are also classes from Quebec and the state of Maine who make the trip. Much of the curriculum is geared towards children in grades 3 to 5.

The province's largest commercial fleet operates from wharfs just a short distance away.

The aquarium is owned and operated by the province of New Brunswick. It is open to the public between June and the end of September each year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## Dorsey stages Ducks' return to Elite Eight

MARCH MADNESS

### Player's recent surge earns him moniker 'Mr. March'

Tyler Dorsey's teammates call him "Mr. March."

Yeah, that fits.

Dorsey scored 20 points and made the go-ahead layup with 1:08 left, and third-seeded Oregon held on to end No. 7 Michigan's dramatic post-season run with a 69-68 victory in a Midwest Regional semifinal on Thursday night in Kansas City.

"We lean on him right now," the Ducks' Dylan Ennis said. "He's playing his best basketball, and it's coming at the right time."

Dorsey's recent surge has been timely, for sure. He's scored 20 or more points in six straight games, a stretch that has seen Pac-12 player of the year Dillon Brooks struggle with his shot.

Oregon didn't have the win secured until Derrick Walton Jr. was off with his long jumper just before the buzzer.

For the Ducks (32-5), it's on to the Elite Eight for the second straight year.

For the Wolverines (26-12),

it was the end of a wild ride.

"The kids fought their hearts out this whole season," Michigan coach John Beilein said, "but particularly this last six weeks to be more than a story. It was a great team. They were becoming a great team before the story. We weren't sharp as we would have liked to have been today, but you have to credit Oregon with that."

Jordan Bell had a double-double for the Ducks, with 16 points and 13 rebounds. Canadians Brooks (Mississauga, Ont.) added 12 points and Ennis (Brampton, Ont.) had 10.

Walton led the Wolverines with 20 points, eight assists and five rebounds. Zak Irvin had 14 of his 19 points in the second half and DJ Wilson had 12 points.

The Ducks' run to the regional final has come without big man Chris Boucher, of Montreal, who went out in the Pac-12 Tournament semifinals with a season-ending knee injury.

Oregon advances to play Kansas, which got 26 points from Frank Mason III in a 98-66 blow-out of Purdue, in the Midwest final Saturday.

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Tyler Dorsey scored 20 points as Oregon edged Michigan on Thursday night. JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES

PYEONGCHANG 2018

## NHLers may play in Games regardless

Alex Ovechkin has pledged to attend the 2018 Olympics in South Korea whether the NHL opts to go or not, and the Russian superstar might not be alone.

Donald Fehr, the executive director of the NHL Players' Association, said the possibility of players choosing to compete in Pyeongchang even if the NHL decides against interrupting the 2017-18 season "would be the next issue which arises."

"I'm not sure we take the view that that's a league decision anyway," Fehr said by phone on Thursday afternoon. "It's very probably an individual club decision."

The NHL declined to comment on the matter when reached Thursday, but it's not difficult to envision the headache it would cause for the league if players, beyond just Ovechkin, opted to attend next

February while the NHL regular season continued to take place. The distraction alone would be enormous.

Both Fehr and the players don't want it to get to that point though. They're hoping for a resolution from the NHL which allows the group to attend a sixth consecutive Games.

"They know we think it's important," Fehr said. "They know that we believe very strongly that players ought to have an opportunity to play. They know we think it's in the long-run good for the game. And it's something that we ought to try and do."

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Alex Ovechkin  
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### IN BRIEF

#### De Grasse enters Harry Jerome meet in Coquitlam

Canadian star sprinter Andre De Grasse will compete at this year's Harry Jerome International Track Classic in Coquitlam on June 28.

De Grasse won the 100- and 200-metre races at last year's Harry Jerome meet while preparing for the 2016 Rio Olympics, where he won a silver medal in the 200-metres and bronze in both the 100 and 400-metre relays. THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### Spurs take care of Grizzlies

LaMarcus Aldridge scored 23 points, Kawhi Leonard added 19 and the San Antonio Spurs beat the Memphis Grizzlies 97-90 on Thursday night in a possible first-round playoff preview.

San Antonio opened a four-game homestand by moving two games behind Golden State for the league's best record. The Spurs (55-16) close the homestand against the Warriors (57-14) on Wednesday.

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# Paajarvi's pair breaks down Vancouver

NHL

## Canucks' road woes continue as Blues earn 4th straight win

Magnus Paajarvi scored twice to lead the St. Louis Blues to a 4-1 win over the Vancouver Canucks on Thursday night.

Kyle Brodziak and Alex Pietrangolo also scored for the Blues who won their fourth straight to give them nine wins in their last 10.

Jake Allen made 27 saves for his seventh win in eight starts while allowing just nine goals in the stretch.

Henrik Sedin scored for the Canucks who have lost seven of their last eight to fall to 11-22-3 on the road. Ryan Miller stopped 30 shots.

Brodziak snapped an 11 game goal scoring drought when he roofed a slap shot by Miller late in the second period for his eighth goal of the season to put the Blues up 2-1.

Paajarvi added some insurance when he scored his second of the game and eighth of the season midway through the third period. That gave him the second multi-goal game of his career and first since Feb. 5, 2011, with Edmonton.

Vancouver coach Willie

THURSDAY In St. Louis



Desjardins challenged the goal saying that the Blues were offside entering the zone but the video replay proved inconclusive.

Pietrangolo capped the scoring with at 2 1/2 minutes left.

Sedin opened the scoring for Vancouver when he scored his 15th of the season.

Paajarvi tied the game when he pushed his own rebound past Miller.

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Magnus Paajarvi provided the offence for the Blues on Thursday night in St. Louis. CHRIS LEE/ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL

## Brady jerseys back in New England

Tom Brady's stolen Super Bowl jerseys are back with the New England Patriots.

The jerseys worn by Brady during this year's Super Bowl and the 2015 Super Bowl were returned to Gillette Stadium Thursday, the FBI announced.

Brady's 2017 jersey went missing from the Patriots' locker room after the team's win over the Atlanta Falcons on Feb. 5, touching off an investigation stretching from Boston to the Mexican border.

Mexican authorities searched the property of Mexican media executive Martin Mauricio Ortega, where they found the jersey, along with a Brady jersey that disappeared



Tom Brady GETTY IMAGES

after the 2015 Super Bowl. A Denver Broncos helmet also was found.

Ortega has not been charged in the case and has not commented. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### IN BRIEF

#### Owners mull shortening overtime to 10 minutes

NFL owners will consider proposals next week to cut regular-season overtime from 15 minutes to 10; eliminate players leaping over the line of scrimmage on kick plays; and expansion of coaches' challenges and what can be reviewed by officials.

The annual meeting will also include discussion on the Oakland Raiders' potential relocation to Las Vegas. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Homan flawless in round robin at world championship

Canada skip Rachel Homan tuned up for the playoffs in style Thursday by beating Italy and Denmark to remain unbeaten at the world women's curling championship in Beijing.

Homan closed out round-robin play with a perfect 11-0 record. As the top seed, she will open with the hammer in the Page playoff 1-2 game against Russia's Anna Sidorova on Friday night.

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#### Buffon to make 1,000th appearance against Albania

Italy captain Gianluigi Buffon will mark his 1,000th appearance as a professional in the World Cup qualifier against Albania on Friday.

Buffon made his debut at the age of 17 in 1995, playing for Parma, before moving to Juventus in 2001.

The goalkeeper has played for Italy for more than 19 years, having made his debut at 19 on Oct. 29, 1997. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada



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**Ready in 30 minutes**

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Serves: 6

**Ingredients**

- 4 cups blueberries
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 2 tsp lemon zest
- 2 cups spelt flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- pinch of allspice
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 1/4 cups milk, more if necessary

**Directions**

**1.** In a 9-inch, deep skillet, mix blueberries, sugar, water, lemon juice and zest. Bring berry mixture to a boil then reduce to a simmer.

**2.** Meanwhile, sift flour, baking powder, sugar, salt and allspice into a bowl. Using a pastry cutter, cut in butter until in coarse crumbs. Mix in the milk using a fork until the dough comes together. (Add milk if the dough is too dry)

**3.** As the blueberries simmer, drop heaping tablespoons of the dough into the berries. Cover with a lid or tinfoil and allow dumplings to cook, about 12 to 15 minutes.

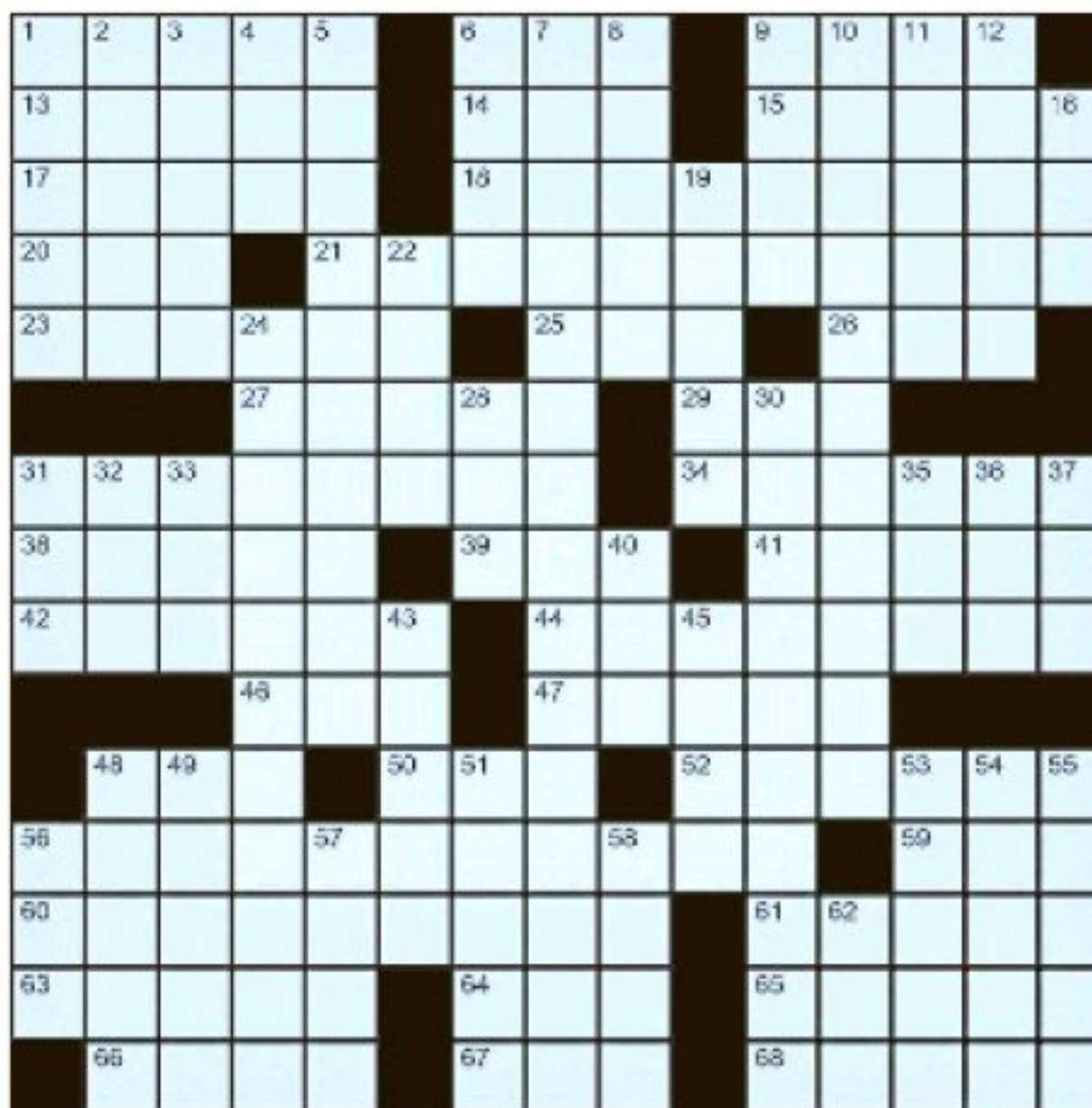
**4.** Serve warm with vanilla ice cream.

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**ACROSS**

- Commemorated celebration, curtly
- Canadian cinematic org.
- Finish in \_\_ (Draw)
- Nintendo video brother
- Grand \_\_ Opry
- Actor Lorenzo
- T.O. footballers
- Save a particular attraction for the end of the trip: 2 wds.
- Quebec 'Mrs.'
- Suited to a person's preferences or strengths: 3 wds.
- Spain: Guggenheim Museum locale
- Complete amount, briefly
- Previous
- Suffix denoting 'pain'
- Bambi's aunt
- Judd Hirsch sitcom: 2 wds.
- William Shatner's sci-fi novels/TV/comics/games franchise
- Prefix to 'hydrates'
- Fruit drink
- Quebec 'pen'
- Stream sorts
- Newfoundland town north of St. John's
- Speedwagon's lead-in
- "Anything Could Happen" by \_\_ Goulding
- '\_\_' in Niagara
- Spy org.
- Artificial/bogus
- When a Cadillac, for instance, turns pink



from white, it has undergone one: 3 wds.  
59. \_\_ rally  
60. Canadian super-model who is the Brand Director at the Nomad agency: 2 wds.  
61. "Why \_\_ you ready yet?" (Get cracking!)  
63. Modern English's

"\_\_ With You"  
64. \_\_ Lingus (Ireland's flyer)  
65. Gargle  
66. Nice notion?  
67. 2017 HS grads  
68. Concluded

**DOWN**

- Gentle as \_\_
- 'The Flying Finn', Paavo \_\_ (b.1897 - d.1973)
- Mr. Lythgoe
- Whitesnake's "Here \_\_ Again"
- Sight gag: 2 wds.
- De \_\_ (Again,

in Latin)  
7. Poetry collection published in 1912 of celebrated Mohawk/English performer E. Pauline Johnson (b.1861 - d.1913): 3 wds.  
8. Hassle  
9. Airdrie's prov.  
10. Gordon Lightfoot's

"The Way I Feel" bit: "Like a \_\_ alone and crying" (More at #30-Down)  
11. " \_\_ done!"  
12. Allayed  
16. Farm area  
19. Small island  
22. Corn dog  
24. Striped twirler outside a haircut venue: 2 wds.  
28. James of Smashing Pumpkins  
30. Verse following the one at #10-Down... "When the birds have flown and the \_\_"  
31. Caesar's 700  
32. Hearer  
33. 'Hect' add-on  
35. Colo. neighbour  
36. Saloon's stock, shortly  
37. Seoul's locale [acronym]  
40. Annex  
43. \_\_-econom-ic status  
45. Dog food brand  
48. Ms. Watts  
49. Bowed  
51. Andes people, once  
53. Overturn  
54. Crowded  
55. Selected  
56. Nero's 201  
57. Mr. Johnson  
58. Smucker's containers  
62. \_\_ Tin Tin

## \* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
You feel upbeat, confident and happy today. This is wonderful. Just be careful that you do not promise more than you can deliver.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Without question, this is a feel-good day! Enjoy your interactions with others, especially co-workers.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
You will enjoy talking to younger people today, especially in groups. You will encourage people to think big and embrace ambitious goals.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
Conversations with parents and bosses will be uplifting today. Just make sure that you don't bite off more than you can chew.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
It's OK to have your head in the clouds, as long as you keep your feet on the ground. Travel plans look thrilling. Discussions about philosophy, politics and religion will be exciting and stimulating.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
This is a good day to discuss business matters, including those regarding shared property and debt. Do not be overly optimistic; stay in the realm of reality and common sense.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
This is a great day to schmooze with others, because you will attract people who have a youthful, upbeat attitude. Enjoy fun discussions with everyone!

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
You are eager to make big plans at work. Quite possibly, these plans involve travel. Whatever the case, your interactions with co-workers will be friendly and positive.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
This is a great day for sports events, the arts and playful excursions. Fun activities with children will delight. It's also a great date day. Enjoy yourself!

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
Family discussions will be positive and ambitious today, because you are entertaining big plans.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Because you are in such a positive, winning state of mind, all your communications with others will be successful. This means you are good to go if you sell, market, teach, write or act.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
You have ambitious moneymaking ideas today. Just make sure that your plans are doable, because it's easy to go overboard with one's expectations today. Remain realistic.

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